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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. NATO: FEB. 24 LISBON NEWSPAPERS GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO GENERAL HAIG'S RECEPTION OF PORTUGUESE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF RAMALHO EANES. FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE IN "O SEculo" WAS "STRENGTHENING OUR RELATIONS WITH NATO -- OBJECTIVE OF GENERAL RAMALHO EANES' TRIP TO BRUSSELS." TEXT, APPARENTLY FROM FRANCE PRESSE WIRE, IN "O SEculo" AND ALSO IN FEB. 24 "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" QUOTED EANES AS SAYING AGENDA OF HIS NATO VISIT "HAD NO SPECIAL POINTS BUT DID INCLUDE A CONCERN FOR INTENSIFYING EXISTING TIES."

2. ANGOLA: MEDIA PLAY CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE GOP RECOGNITION OF MPLA AND SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA. LEADING MORNING DAILY, SOCIALIST-ORIENTED "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" FRONT-PAGE FEB. 24 EDITORIAL APPROVED PORTUGAL'S RECOGNITION OF MPLA, BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN AT SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA; EDITORIAL SAID, "THE GOVERNMENT MUST KEEP THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE INFORMED AS TO WHAT ACTUALLY IS HAPPENING IN ANGOLA WITH THE ANNOUNCED MOVE THERE OF THOUSANDS OF CUBAN COLONISTS. ANGOLA IS IN FACT INDEPENDENT. HAVANA HAS, IN FACT, THE RIGHT TO EXPORT THE EXCESS POPULATION FROM ITS WEAK ECONOMY. AND MOSCOW CAN,

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IN FACT, MAINTAIN AN EXPANSIONIST POLICY WITHOUT THIS HARMING

THE WORLD. HISTORY IS JUST THIS: A CRUEL DANCE IN WHICH THE  
STRONGEST AND MOST AGILE --- AND SOMETIMES THE LEAST SCRUPULOUS  
-- DO DOMINATE...." SIMILARLY, FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN FEB. 23  
CENTRIST "A CAPITAL" REGRETTED THAT ANGOLAN SITUATION WAS  
RESOLVED NOT BY ANGOLANS BUT BY "THE EMPIRES WHICH PLUNDER THE  
WORLD." LEFTIST-ORIENTED NEWSPAPERS CONTINUED TO REGRET THAT  
TPORTUGAL WAS NOT AMONG FIRST TO RECOGNIZE MPLA; COMMUNIST  
"O DIARIO" OF FEB. 24 CALLED GOP RECOGNITION "BETTER LATE THAN  
NEVER". FEB. 24 PRESS ALSO GAVE SOME PLAY TO RON NESSEN  
BRIEFING STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT FORD DOES NOT INTEND TO  
RECOGNIZE MPLA WHILE CUBAN TROOPS REMAIN ON ANGOLAN TERRITORY.  
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